By the Lord Protector.

A PROCLAMATION

Of the PEACE made between this COMMON-WEALTH, and that of the

Vnited Provinces of the Netherlands.

HIs Highnes the Lord Protector of the Common-wealth of England, Scotland and Ireland, considering how necessary it is, not onely to preserve Peace and quiet at home, but, as far as in him lies, to live in Amity and Friendship with his Neighbours, hath, by the Blessing of God, with the advice of his Council, made and concluded a Peace, Union and Confederation to continue for ever, between this Commonwealth of the one part, and that of the United Provinces of the Low Countries of the other part, their Lands Countries, Cities, Towns, Dominions, Territories, Places & People, by Sea, Land, Fresh waters and elsewhere; By the which Peace it is Agreed that all Enmity, Hostility, Discord and War between the said Common-wealths, their People and Subjects shall cease, and all injuries and Wrongs whatsoever don since the $\frac{12}{23}$ of May one thousand six hundred fifty two, shall cease, and be forgotten, except such depredations as shall be committed by either side in these Seas after twelve daies, from the date of these presents, and in all other places on this side the Cape of St. Vincent, after six weeks; And from thence, within the Mediterranian Sea, and to the Æquinoctial Line, after ten weeks, and beyond the Æquinoctial Line, after the space of eight Moneths, or immediately after sufficient notice of the said Peace given in those places. And that the People and Inhabitants of each party respectively, of what condition or quality soever they be shall treat each other with love and Friendship, and may freely and securely come into, and pass through each others Countries, Towns, Villages and Precincts, and there stay and abide, and from thence depart again at their pleasure, without any hinderance and molestation, and likewise trade and have commerce, and generally do, use, and exercise all other things (observing the Laws and Customs of each place respectively) as freely, fully and securely as they might have done in time of Peace. whereof all persons whatsoever in these nations of England, Scotland, and Ireland are to take notice, and conform themselves accordingly.

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